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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

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SEYCHELLES

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CANBERRA PASS INFO NASA REPRESENTATIVE

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SUBJ: NASA CALIBRATION FLIGHT

1. NASA/GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER PLANS DEPLOYMENT OF ITS  
NETWORK INSTRUMENTED AIRCRAFT AROUND THE WORLD DURING PERIOD

8 APRIL TO MID-JUNE 1974 FOR TEST/CALIBRATIONS AT CANBERRA,  
CARNARVON, TANANARIVE, JOHANNESBURG AND MADRID STDN SITES.

FLIGHT IS SIMILAR TO CALIBRATION FLIGHTS IN PAST MOST RECENT  
BEING THAT OF LAST

FALL (SEE STATE 193537 OCT 1, 1973)

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2. AIRCRAFT IS NASA'S C-118A (DC-6), TAIL NUMBER N 428NA, RADIO CALL NASA 428. PLANE IS OPERATED FOR NASA BY BENDIX FLIGHT GROUP OUT OF MARTIN AIRPORT, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AND IS US PUBLIC AIRCRAFT.

3. FIRST HALF OF THREE MONTH MISSION WILL BE FLOWN BY ONE CREW AND SECOND HALF BY ANOTHER. ALL CREW AND PASSENGERS US CITIZENS. FOLLOWING ARE NAMES OF THOSE ACCOMPANYING PLANE ON FIRST HALF OF MISSION THROUGH TANANARIVE:

FROM BENDIX: CAPT H. SANFORD, CAPT J. BUEBE, NAV D. LAMER, FLIGHT ENGINEER W. DARR, FLIGHT MECHANIC H. HUDEPOHL; PASSENGERS V. COATES, R. SHAVER, W. ELK, J. KEELER, C. BROWN, L. QUICK, E. SHACKELFORD, M. MILES, AND P. DAVIS.

FROM NASA: MR. FELDMAN AND P. FARWELL

4. ALL PERSONS ON BOARD HAVE VALID PASSPORTS AND NECESSARY VISAS AND HAVE BEEN BRIEFED AND AWARE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXEMPLARY CONDUCT.

5. ITINERARY FOR FIRST HALF OF MISSION FOLLOWS:

ALL TIMES IN ZULU

ARRIVE	PLACE	DEPART
ORIGINATE	BALTIMORE (MTN)	APRIL 08-1030
APRIL 08-1630	CHEYENNE (KCYS)	08-1730
09-2200	MOFFETT NAS (KNUQ)	09-1130
09-2200	HICKAM AFB (PHIK)	10-1330
10-1700	JOHNSTON IS (PJON)	10-1800
11-0030	KWAJALEIN (PKWA)	11-1415
11-2200	PORT MORESBY (AYPY)	12-2200
13-0600	CANBERRA (ASCB)	13-0730
13-0830	SYDNEY (ASSY)	22-2130
22-2230	CANBERRA (ASCB)	22-2400
23-0815	PERTH (APPH)	MAY 04-0200
MAY 04-0930	COCOS IS (VCCC)	05-0130
05-0830	COLOMBO (VCBI)	06-0330

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06-1100	SEYCHELLES (FSSS)	07-0500
07-0945	TANANARIVE (FMMI)	18-0600
18-1115	JOHANNESBURG (FAJS)	INDEF

6. ITINERARY FOR REMAINDER TRIP AND REVISED CREW AND PASSENGER LIST WILL BE CABLED TO CONCERNED POSTS WHEN DETAILS KNOW.

7. FOR PORT MORESBY (AUSTRALIA), AUSTRALIA AND COCOS ISLAND

OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING -- REQUEST EMBASSY IN COORDINATION WITH NASA SENIOR SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE OBTAIN NECESSARY CLEARANCES AND PERMISSION TO USE COCOS ISLAND FOR BILLETING, MESSING AND REFUEL. ALL CLEARANCES SHOULD BE PLUS OR MINUS 72 HOURS. FLIGHT OPERATIONS WILL SEND ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DETAILS BY DIRECT TWX MESSAGE TO AUSTRALIAN CIV AVN AUTHORITIES AND SR NASA REPRESENTATIVE.

8. FOR COLOMBO -- REQUEST EMBASSY SECURE REQUIRED CLEARANCES FOR PLUS OR MINUS 72 HOURS. SHOULD QUESTIONS ARISE CONCERNING NEED FOR COLOMBO STOP ADVISE AIRCRAFT IS SEVERLY RANGE LIMITED (SEE STATE 198577 OCT 5, 1973).

9. FOR SEYCHELLES - BELIEVE NO DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUIRED BUT POST MAY WISH TO INFORM APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. FLIGHT CREW WILL FILE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLAN.

10. FOR TANANARIVE -- REQUEST EMBASSY SECURE NECESSARY OVER-FLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARNCES. CLEARANCE FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DAYS SHOULD BE PLUS OR MINUS 72 HOURS. ANTICIPATE APPROX FOUR LOCAL SIMULATION/CALIBRATION FLIGHTS OVER LTAN TRACKING STATION OF APPROX SIX HOURS EACH.

11. PLEASE SEND COPIES OF REPLIES TO CHIEF PILOT NASA/BENDIX FLIGHT GROUP, MARTIN APT, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND THROUGH GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER, GREENBELT, MARYLAND, NASA ROUTING SYMBOL GBEN.  
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